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In Re the Application of

Mitchell REFF

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Sir:

Applicant, through the undersigned attorney acting pursuant to 37 CFR 1.34(a), hereby request that the above-identified application (but not the invention therein) be expressly abandoned as of the filing date of the continuation application filed on January 20, 2006, which has been accorded U.S. Application No. 11/335,710. To maintain co-pendency of the instant application and the continuation, a petition for a one-month extension of time for reply to the outstanding official action was filed on the same day.

Respectfully submitted,

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